

UNAPPROVED
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES
MEETING MINUTES OF
January 28, 2008

TIME The meeting convened at 6:40 P.M.

PRESENT Chair Lord-Hausman, Commissioners Berger, Kirola, Kreitz and Longley-Cook.

ABSENT Vice-Chair Moore, Commissioners Hakanson, Robinson and Fort.

MINUTES

The November 2007 minutes were approved as presented.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

There was no written communication.

NEW BUSINESS

1. CDI Meeting Dates (Chair Lord-Hausman):

Chair Lord-Hausman stated that she would not be able to attend the February 25, 2008 meeting and polled the Commissioners for their availability for February 26, 2008, to which those Commissioners present agreed to the date change, if necessary. The Chair indicated that she would check with Vice-Chair Moore to confirm her availability to chair the February 25 meeting in the event that the meeting date does not change.

The Commission also agreed to move the May 26, 2008 meeting to May 27, 2008 in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday. Secretary Akil stated that she would provide the Commission with a 2008 meeting schedule.

2. 2007 CDI Accomplishments (Chair Lord-Hausman):

Chair Lord-Hausman distributed a draft list of accomplishments by the Commission for the 2007 calendar meeting year. The Commission asked that the list be revised to include any accomplishments from the 2006 meeting year and requested that the final list of accomplishments be distributed to Council under cover memo.

3. Atlantic Avenue/Webster/Ralph Appezzato Memorial Parkway Street Intersection Improvements (Chair Lord-Hausman):

Chair Lord-Hausman met with Ed Sommerauer and Virendra Patel of the Public Works Department regarding an update on the Atlantic/Webster/Appezzato Street Intersection Improvement project. The bids are in for re-design of the Intersection. The specifics of the design include audibles and countdown signals, and the crosswalks will be basic striped. The Chair may invite Ed Sommerauer to return to the Commission once bids come in.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Temporary Disabled Parking at Community Events (Chair Lord-Hausman):

Chair Lord-Hausman met with Obaid Khan, Supervising Civil Engineer in the Public Works Department regarding accessibility parking at City-wide events. Mr. Khan indicated that he would review adding a line-item in applications that addresses “disabled parking/access” during big City events. He prepared a list of possible events, which Chair Lord-Hausman read to the Commission. Commissioner Kreitz asked about accessibility concerns regarding Thompson Field. Secretary Akil indicated the field is owned and managed by the Alameda Unified School District (AUSD) and any accessibility concerns should be directed to AUSD under individual concerns. The Chair stated she would contact AUSD for possible attendance at a future Commission meeting. Secretary Akil reminded the Commission that the City does not have any say with accessibility issues concerning AUSD or any other agency, jurisdiction or along private property and these concerns should be addressed on an individual basis directly with the respective agency or property owner.

2. Alameda Landing Development (Chair Lord-Hausman):

Chair Lord-Hausman suggested inviting Andrew Thomas, Planning Manager in the Planning and Building Department to another meeting. The Chair stated that she would check Mr. Thomas’ availability for either February 25 or 26 and get back to the Commission once the date is confirmed.

3. Commission on Disability Internet Link (Chair Lord-Hausman):

Chair Lord-Hausman stated that she would follow up with the web-designer regarding the draft that has already been submitted and will update the Commission with more information at a later time.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Secretary Akil informed the Commission that the first draft of the ADA Transition Plan is complete and currently under review by the Public Works Department. The final draft will be presented to the Commission for review and approval within the next two months.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

1. Yearly Events Calendar:

Commissioner Kreitz requested the specific summer concert dates for inclusion in the calendar. The dates will be the second Friday of June, July and August 2008. The Chair suggested that Commissioner Kreitz check the Park and Recreation website for additional information. Commissioner Kreitz suggested including the Art and Wine Festival on the calendar for Commission attendance, which was agreed by everyone present. Commissioner Longley-Cook stated that space would have to be donated. Commissioner Kreitz will contact the owners of Tucker's Ice Cream for donating space for the Commission during this event.

2. Commissioner Kreitz voiced concern about accessibility issues along Harbor Bay. Secretary Akil stated that it is private property and suggested that contact be made directly with Harbor Bay property owners or homeowners association. Commissioner Berger also stated it is private property and that the issue should be directed to the main home owners association that over sees the entire Harbor Bay.
3. Commissioner Berger asked if the City Council receives a copy of the Commission minutes to which Secretary Akil responded that the Council does not; however, they can receive correspondence from the Commission under cover memo at any time.
4. Chair Lord-Hausman attended the Special Bowling Olympics and presented awards.

5. Lower Washington Park:

Chair Lord-Hausman stated that the asphalt path between Crown Memorial Beach and Washington Park would be completed by March 15th. The Chair met with Anne Rockwell, EBRPD and the Park and Recreation Department to resolve this issue.

6. Bus Stops at Tilden Way & Eighth & Central

Chair Lord-Hausman stated that she spoke to Barry Bergman, Transportation Specialist in the Public Works Department who indicated that they are in the middle of the CIP process and are working on this accessibility issue.

7. Commissioner Longley-Cook stated that the green bars at the bus stops along Webster and Santa Clara had been removed due to bus drivers running into them and questioned if this is in conflict to the grant funding that was awarded to the City for the Webster Streetscape Project? Chair Lord-Hausman stated that she would visit the site and get back to the Commission.
8. Chair Lord-Hausman stated the City has requested bids for ADA accessible ramps for 27 curb cuts at Alameda Point, specifically around the housing areas.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, February 25, 2008, at 6:00 P.M. in Room 360 at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucretia A. Akil
Commission Secretary